

## REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected the claims for being anticipated by Stevens and Reid, or for being obvious in view of these references. The claims as amended recite an audible indicator that provides an indication of a motor speed set by a user. Neither Reid or Stevens disclose this limitation.

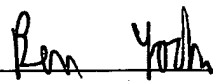
The section of Stevens cited by the Examiner, col. 4, lines 32-34, merely states that an alarm can be activated after a preset number of revolutions. This alarm relates to the number of revolutions of the rope, not the speed of the motor. The passage in Reid cited by the Examiner, col. 7, lines 66-67, disclose a sound emitted when it is time to jump into the rope. The audio indication does not relate to the speed of the motor.

Neither Reid or Steven disclose or suggest to provide an audible indication of a motor speed set by a user. Consequently, these references do not disclose all of the limitations, either individually or in combination, recited in the claims. The Applicant therefore submits that neither Reid or Steven, individually or collectively, render unpatentable the claims of the above entitled application.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested. Allowance of claims 1, 3, 5-9, 11, 13-17 and 19-21 at an early date is solicited.

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